Sl. No.	Location of Food Park	Project Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Approved MFPI grant (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Jaggakhedi, District Mandsaur,	815.08	381.83
2.	Nimrani, District Khargone	866.36	400.00
3.	Piparia-Babai, District Hoshangabad	820.98	400.00
4.	Borgaon, District Chhindwara	837.65	400.00
5.	Malanpur-Ghirongi, District Bhind	801.52	400.00
6.	Maneri, District Mandla	832.64	400.00

Consortium for food parks

2769. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consortium has been set up to create food parks; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) Although Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) does not set up food parks on its own, it has been providing financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid for setting up of Food Park under its Plan scheme @ 25% of project cost in general areas and 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore for creation of common facilities such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The Ministry has approved financial assistance for 56 food parks in the country. MFPI has not set up any consortium to create food parks.

Education cess on HSD

2770. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are levying education cess on HSD for implementing Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that United Kingdom, European Community and World Bank are also providing soft loan and grants to, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme;

(c) if so, the details of the allocations to the States and UTs since inception of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that funds allocated to the States and UTs were misutilized/misappropriated, particularly in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) (a) In order to bridge the gap between available plan resources and estimated requirements to finance the programmes for universalization of elementary education, the Finance (No.2) Act, 2004, (on 8.7.2004) levied an Education cess @2% on major Central Taxes to fulfill the commitment of the Government to provide and finance universalized quality basic education. The proceeds of the Education Cess are credited to Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK), a dedicated non-Iapsable fund, and the same are spent on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme.

(b) Government of India had tied up external funding for the SSA to the tune of Rs.4710 crore with the World Bank, DFID of UK and the European Union for the period 2004 to 2007 of which the World Bank component (approximate Rs.2261 crore) was a soft loan, while the others were grant funds. External funding for the SSA only partially contributed towards the Central Government's investments in SSA. External funding for SSA was on a reimbursement basis subject to audited expenditures.

(c) and (d) A statement giving information regarding year-wise Grants released to States/UTs under SSA since its initiation in 2001-02 is attached (*See* below). Recently, a case of embezzlement of District Primary Education Programme and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan funds in Andhra Pradesh has come to notice. According to information furnished by the School Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, an amount of Rs.14,98,03,378/- of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP)/SSA had been reportedly diverted to unauthorized bank account by the Assistant Accounts Officer of SSA, Andhra Pradesh. An FIR was lodged by the SSA office with the City Central Crime Station on 02.4.2007 and subsequently, the State Government transferred the case to the CID for further investigation. The Government of Andhra Pradesh on 25.05.2007 also appointed a retired fudge of the High Court as a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, to probe all aspects of the embezzlement including the circumstances or the lapses which led to the embezzlement and to fIx responsibility on the persons allegedly involved. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has suspended three Accounts Officials and another three have been transferred out of the State Project Office of SSA/DPEP. In addition, Government of India has requested the Comptroller and Auditor General of India to carry out a special audit of accounts pertaining to DPEP and SSA from the period 2000-01 till date to ascertain the veracity of accounts.

Statement

Grants released during 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

Rupees in lakhs

SL No.	Name of the State	GRANTS RELEASED					
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	Andhra Pradesh	2284.67	8226.1	9884.41	28000	37999	46245.56
2	Arunachal Pradesh	281.14	1412	675.35	3009	4442.51	7143.74
3	Assam	3473.17	10175.92	12190.43	20654	13850	51464.72
4	Bihar	2964.925	7914.97	19515.75	31970.56	32399.56	107744.39
5	Chhattisgarh	409.2	3639.73	6589.02	20786.76	30184.39	50182.2
6	Goa	0	0	0	0	728.12	724.12
7	Gujarat	2086.11	14004.3	11660.13	14072	15084.84	14806.97
8	Haryana	365.02	2735.87	6895.55	12881.55	10196.55	25647.12
9	Himachal Pradesh	752.44	1717.62	5462.17	6144	7614.66	6250.75
10	Jammu and Kashmir	154.74	1948.85	5326.62	7747.18	18530.65	22083.37
11	Jharkhand	672.63	3244.32	11474.31	16568.5	28568.5	51515
12	Karnataka	2804.05	8270.46	10426.67	26280.7	28303.78	54206.98
13	Kerala	1081.23	2250.78	4966	8939	5939	6382
14	Madhya Pradesh	2890.96	11017.1	25237.91	44608.919	77173.12	110879.68
15	Maharashtra	4818.41	11000.0	20536.67	35489.79	50235.31	52158.56
16	Manipur	109.93	0	500	1225	3208.44	9.24

17	Meghalaya	857.59	711.37	825.77	2930.81	1921	4294
18	Mizoram	432.56	903.29	1182.37	3300.24	2559.15	3441.69
19	Nagaland	76.555	973.28	0	2088.49	2323.01	2315.2
20	Orissa	3176.57	2214.15	13453.27	21807.27	32792.5	44010.95
21	Punjab	5709.335	4868	6492.49	3040	14683.89	12879.92
22	Rajasthan	320.35	9995.58	15627	23549.397	60313.43	75809.82
23	Sikkim	100.05	425.14	269.73	1000.25	1062.5	402.14
24	Tamil Nadu	2960.93	13526.9	10505.84	26517	35329.53	37329.65
25	Tripura	491.5689	1162.18	2752.39	4703.96	7070.19	5330.01
26	Uttar Pradesh	7663.33	20245.4	34043.3	87761	182799	206654
27	Uttaranchal	1219.76	2067.69	3522.02	9144.705	10004	16934
28	West Bengal	1618.79	10867.61	16748.23	46024.36	34199.79	61736.8
29	A and N Islands	12.68	0	283.96	272.58	163	419.62
30	Chandigarh	0	0	224.54	447.95	350	300
31	Dadra and N. Haveli	0	0	447.42	111.91	0	100
32	Daman and Diu	0	12	0	0	111.91	
33	Delhi	0	161.27	1959.62	0	1100	4230.24
34	Lakshadweep		19.98	28.31	12.03	0	87.47
35	Pondicherry	48.37	116.46	141.06	225.53	529.4	
	TOTAL:	49837.0639	155828.32	269838.31	511314.441	751770.73	1083719.91